



# TOP TIPS TO AVOID NON-CONFORMANCES

## Red Tractor Beef & Lamb

We understand that you, as Red Tractor producers, are passionate about the food you grow and work hard to ensure it is produced to Red Tractor standards. No-one likes a non-conformance, so this flyer sets out some top tips on how to avoid them!

Remember to make use of our templates and checklists which are available. Seeing this symbol means there is a template available.



1. Has the **Annual Livestock Health and Performance Review** been completed by the **nominated vet**?

Ensure: the review is signed and dated by the nominated vet/vet from nominated practice and all relevant information is included. Also include recommendations for alternative strategies, reduction and updates as required



2. Have you ensured that the **health and performance records** are maintained?

Ensure: mortality records include but not limited to a cause of death if known, reasons for culling, reasons for treatment of medicine and abattoir feedback were provided and applicable



3. Have you ensured that **records for all medicines administered** have been kept for 5 years?

Often overlooked: Inconsistency or no record of medicine batch numbers, withdrawal periods not recorded, and tag numbers or identities of treated animals not recorded



4. Have you ensured that the any **toxic bait** used is done so responsibly?

Ensure all necessary detail is included in the plan, non-target animals do not have access to the baits, permanent baiting is not routinely undertaken, and toxic bait is removed when treatment is finished

5. Has all **waste been disposed** of in a way that minimizes the risk of contamination and pollution?

Ensure that a registered waste carrier is used to dispose of waste or ensure you are registered as a low tier waste carrier and while it awaits collection it is stored neatly



6. Is there a **manure management plan (MMP)** in place that is kept and followed when applying slurries and or manures to land? Ensure: the plan details your total spreadable area available and is greater than the total area required to allow for any excess organic manure and a map is presented where manure can/cannot be spread

7. Have you checked that all **housing is constructed and maintained** to provide a safe and secure environment for livestock? Check for any sharp edges, projections or damage which may develop that could be hazardous to livestock and that all gates and doors will prevent straying or escaping



8. Have you ensured that you have a **documented plan for the effective management of serious incidents** and potential emergency situations that threaten the welfare of livestock, food, and safety? Ensure: all relevant contact details are up to date and this plan is accessible to those involved with tasks on the farm. Consider all risks to your farm and note details of how situations would be dealt with if the primary stockperson is unavailable for any period